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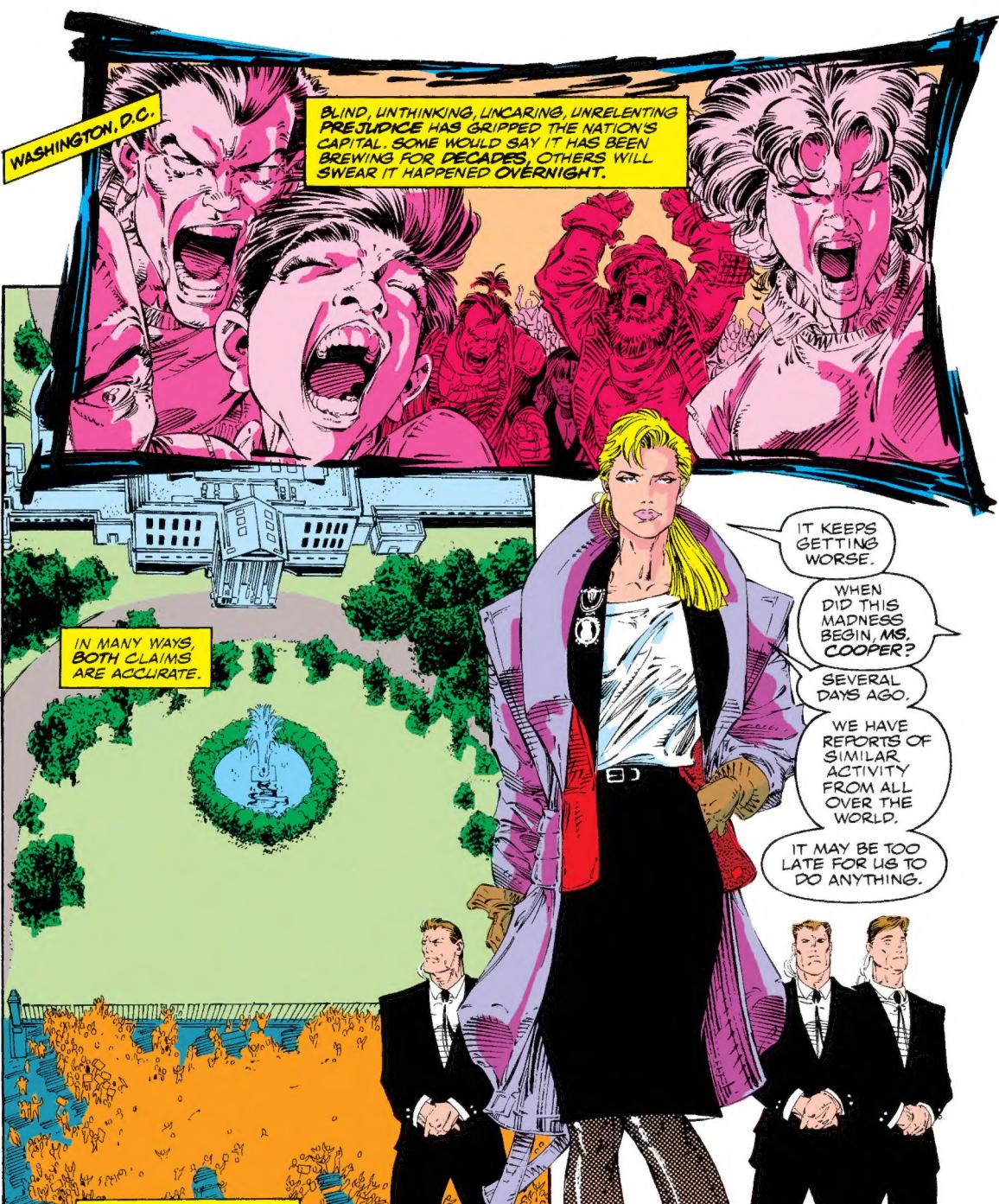
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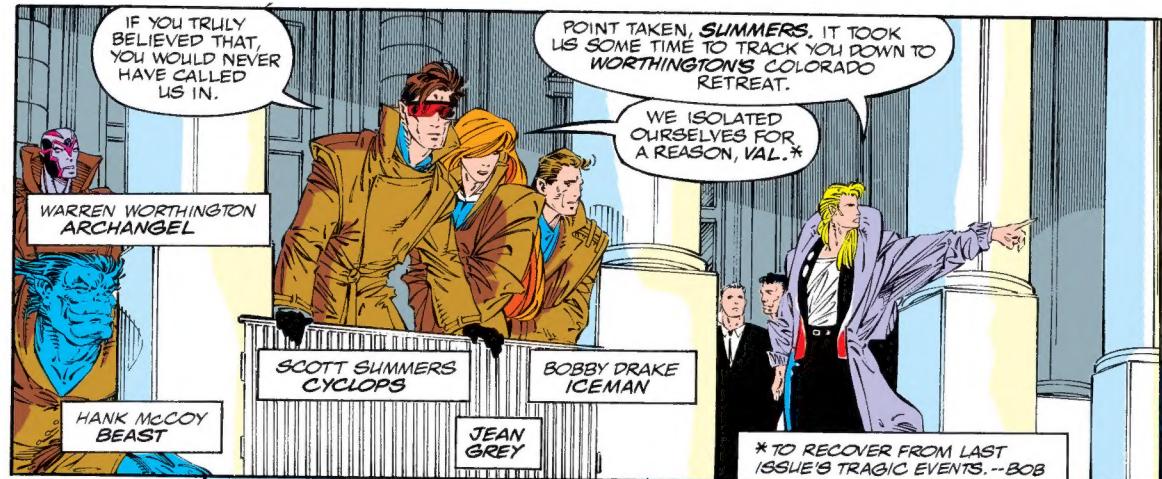
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PROFESSOR X vs.  
SHADOW KING!  
IN FINAL BATTLE!



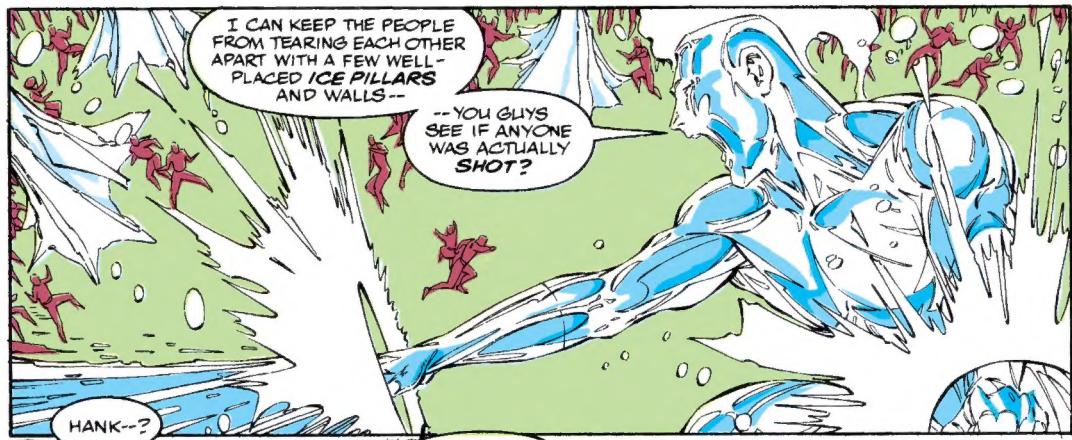
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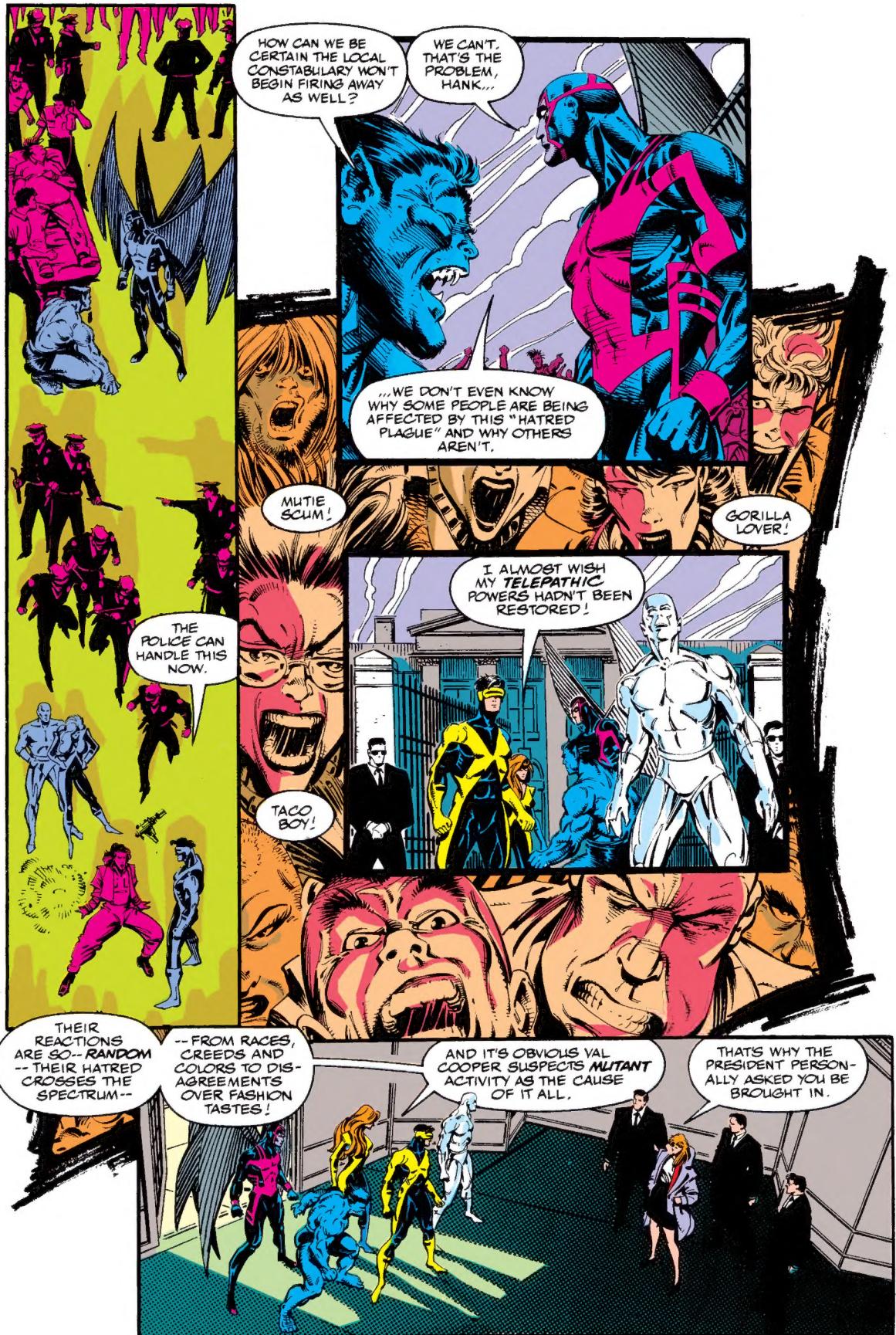


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MUIR ISLAND.  
THE HEART OF  
DARKNESS.

HERE, A MADNESS DECADES  
IN THE MAKING IS BEARING  
BITTER FRUIT...

...AND THE UNCANNY X-MEN  
HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO  
BE RIPE FOR THE SHADOW  
KING'S PICKING...

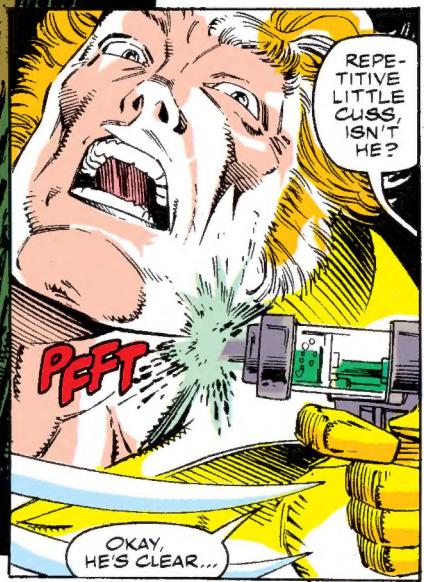




BREEP  
BREEP  
BREEP







WHAT COMES NATURALLY FOR THE X-MEN, IRISH...

...WE'RE SAVIN' THE WORLD.

CARE TO JOIN US?

YOU CAN START BY TELLING US HOW WE CAN INFILTRATE THIS ISLAND--

--AND TEAR DOWN THE SHADOW KING'S DIRTY LITTLE THRONE!

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, I'M AFRAID.

THE KING'S CREATING A PSYCHOMETRIC BACKLASH ALL ACROSS THE WORLD.

HE'S CALING HATRED AN' PREJUDICE T' BOIL OVER --

--AN' ABSORBING THAT NEGATIVE PSYCH ENERGY TO FEED HIS LUST F'R POWER.

ABSORBIN'? HOW?

HE'S USING LORNA DANE--POLARIS. SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE, HER POWER MUTATED. THE POOR GIRL'S BECOME A TYPE OF HUMAN CATALYST FOR NEGATIVE EMOTIONS. THE SHADOW KING TOOK HER AN' MADE HER A NEXUS BETWEEN OUR WORLD AN' THE ASTRAL PLANE. DISRUPT THAT CONNECTION AN' WE'LL DISRUPT HIM.

T'BRING THIS MADMAN DOWN, WE MAY BE FORCED T'KILL ONE OF OUR DEAREST FRIENDS IN THE PROCESS!

FORTY MILES FROM  
MUIR ISLAND, AND  
TWO THOUSAND  
METERS UNDER THE  
NORTH SEA...

--AN INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE  
CLOSES IN ON THE SHADOW KING,  
AND ONE MAN COMES CLOSER  
TO CONFRONTING HIS DESTINY...

YOU THINK  
THIS WILL WORK,  
XAVIER?

BETWEEN THE OCEAN  
DEPTHES AND THE PSYCHIC  
BAFFLES BUILT INTO THIS  
SHIELD VESSEL, IT IS OUR  
BEST CHANCE, AGENT  
REISZ.

WHAT CAN  
WE HOPE TO  
DO?

AN ISLAND  
STRONGHOLD MANNED  
BY MUTANT SOLDIERS.

NOT SOLDIERS,  
AGENT REISZ, THEY  
ARE MY STUDENTS,  
MY... FAMILY.

THIS SHADOW  
KING, IF HE EVEN  
EXISTS, HAS CREATED  
THE ULTIMATE  
FORTRESS.

USING THEM IN  
THIS WAY IS A COR-  
RUPTION OF ALL I  
HAVE SOUGHT TO TEACH  
THEM, THAT MANKIND  
CAN LEARN TO LIVE  
TOGETHER AND FOR-  
GET THE PREJUDICES  
AND HATREDS THAT  
DIVIDE US SO  
TRAGICALLY.

INDEED, THIS MADMAN  
IS THE LIVING EMBODIMENT  
OF EVERYTHING I CREATED  
THE X-MEN TO OPPOSE.

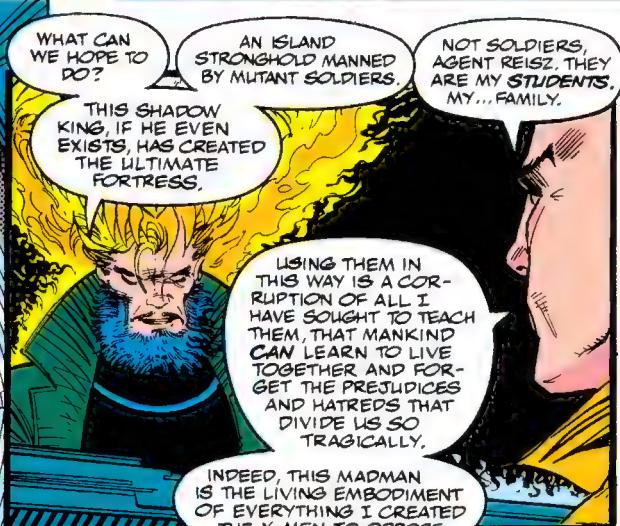
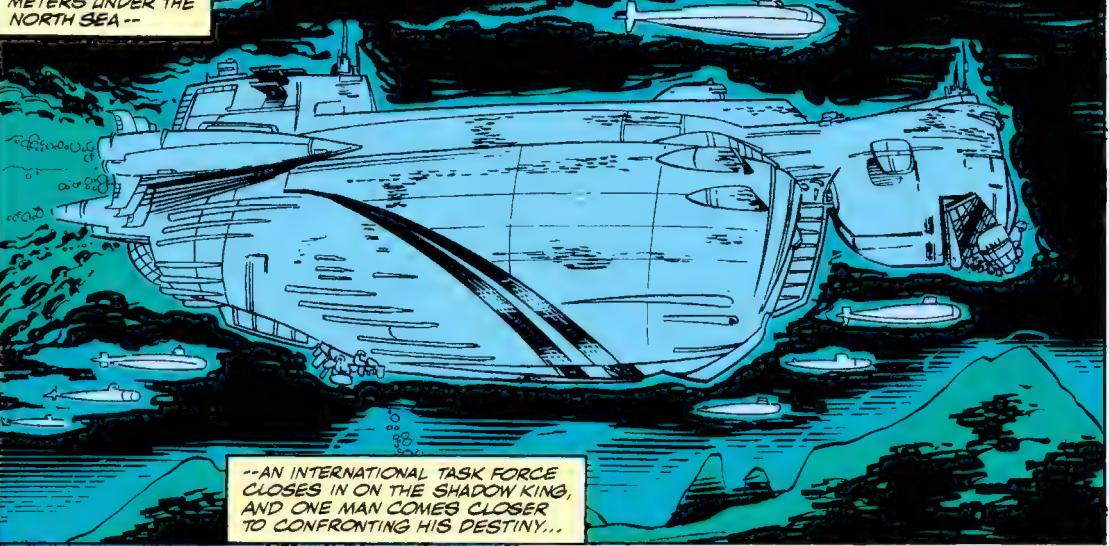
YOU COULD BE  
WALKING INTO A  
RIDICULOUSLY  
SUICIDAL SITU-  
ATION HERE.

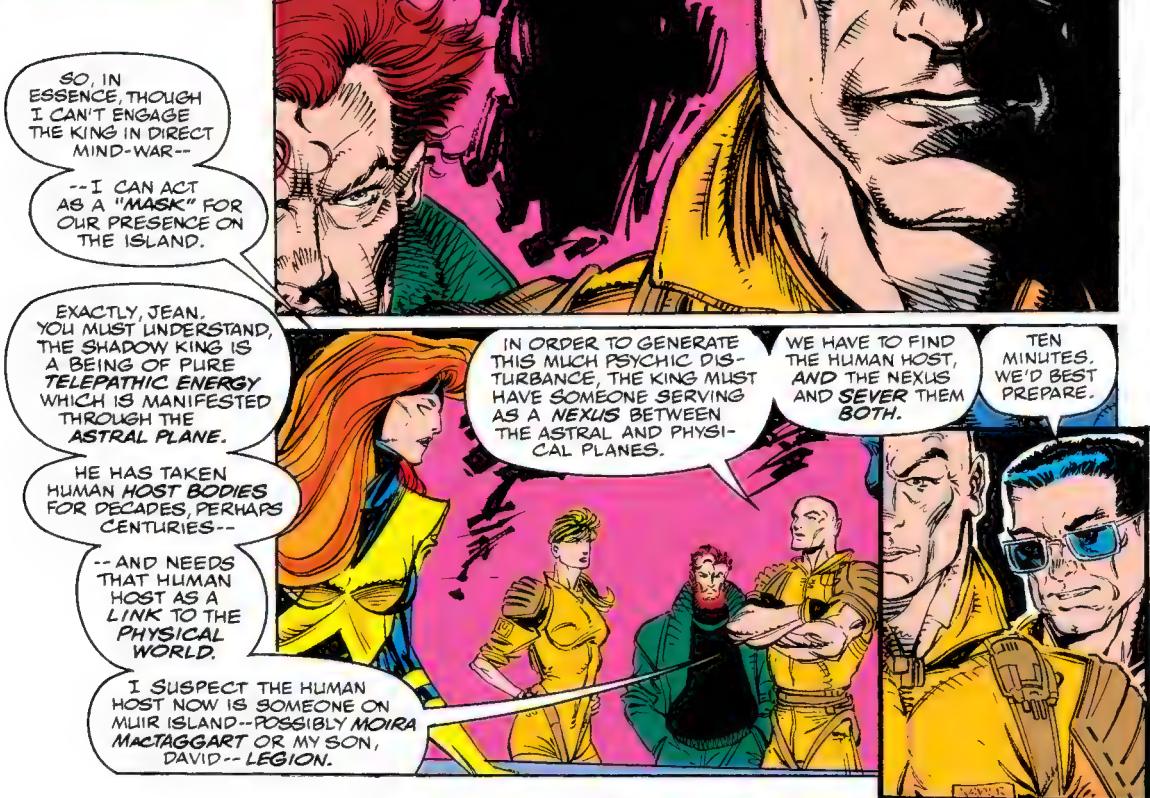
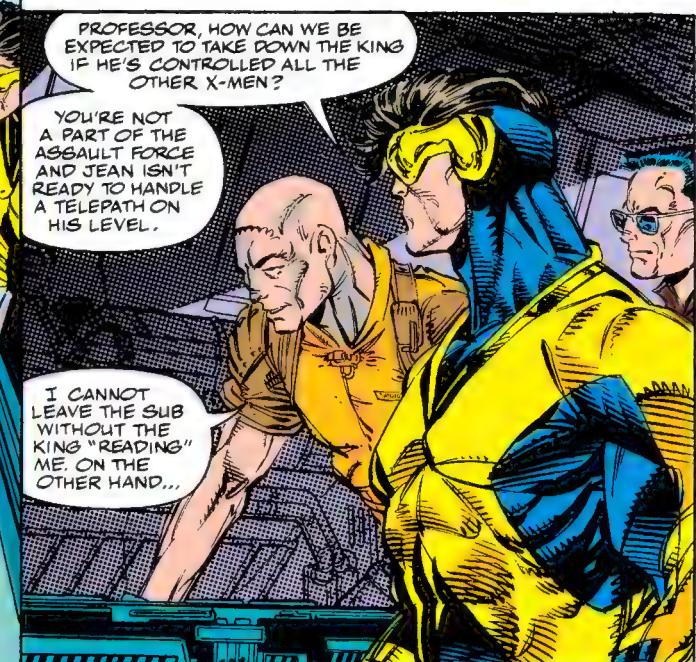
IT'S WHAT  
WE DO BEST,  
MS. COOPER.

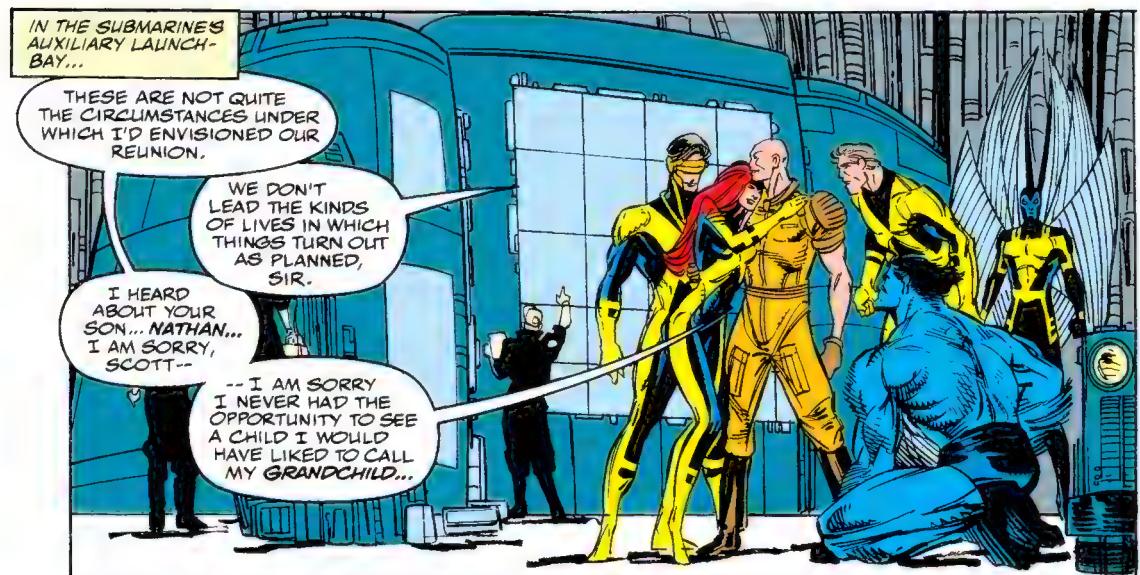
I'M HAVING  
TROUBLE  
SCANNING  
OUTWARDS,  
PROFESSOR...

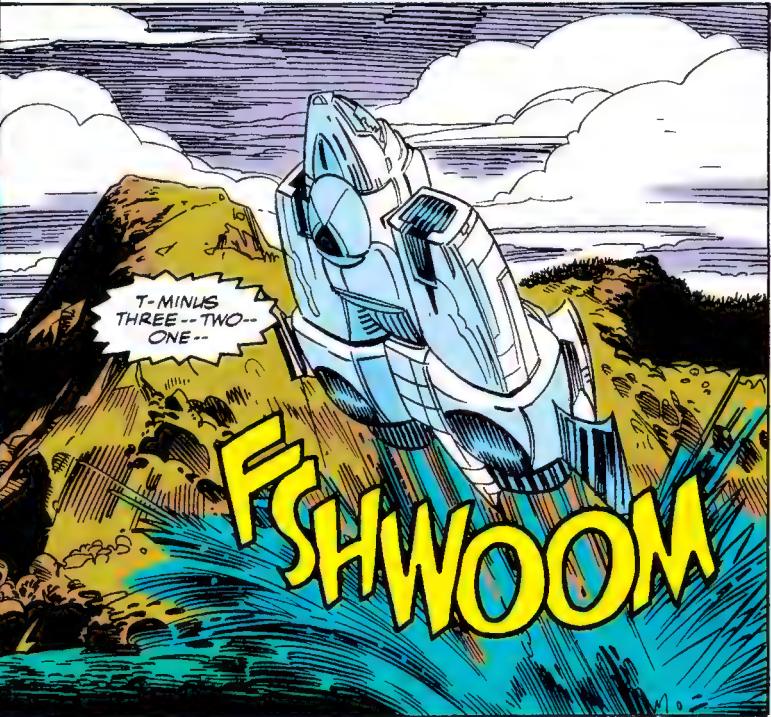
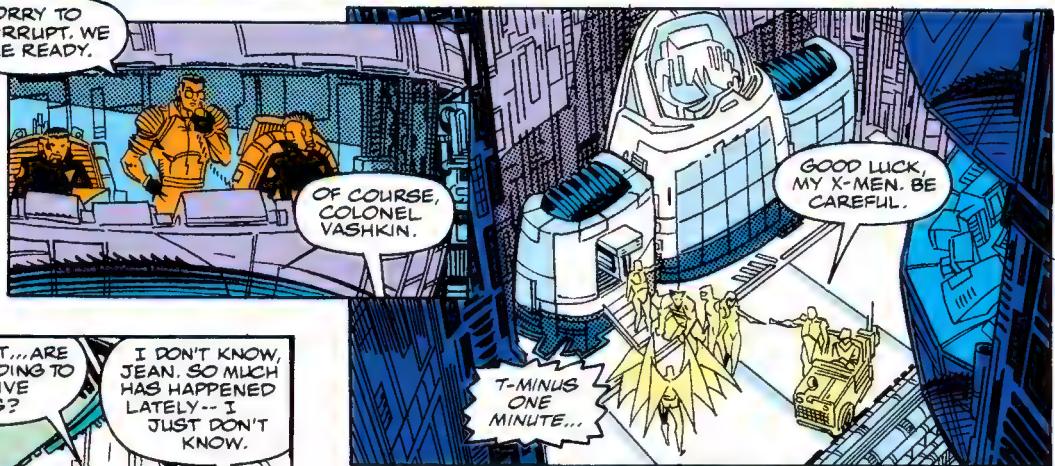
NOW  
IF ANYONE  
DOESN'T MIND  
(NO PUN INTEND-  
ED), CAN WE  
DETERMINE OUR  
COURSE OF  
ACTION?

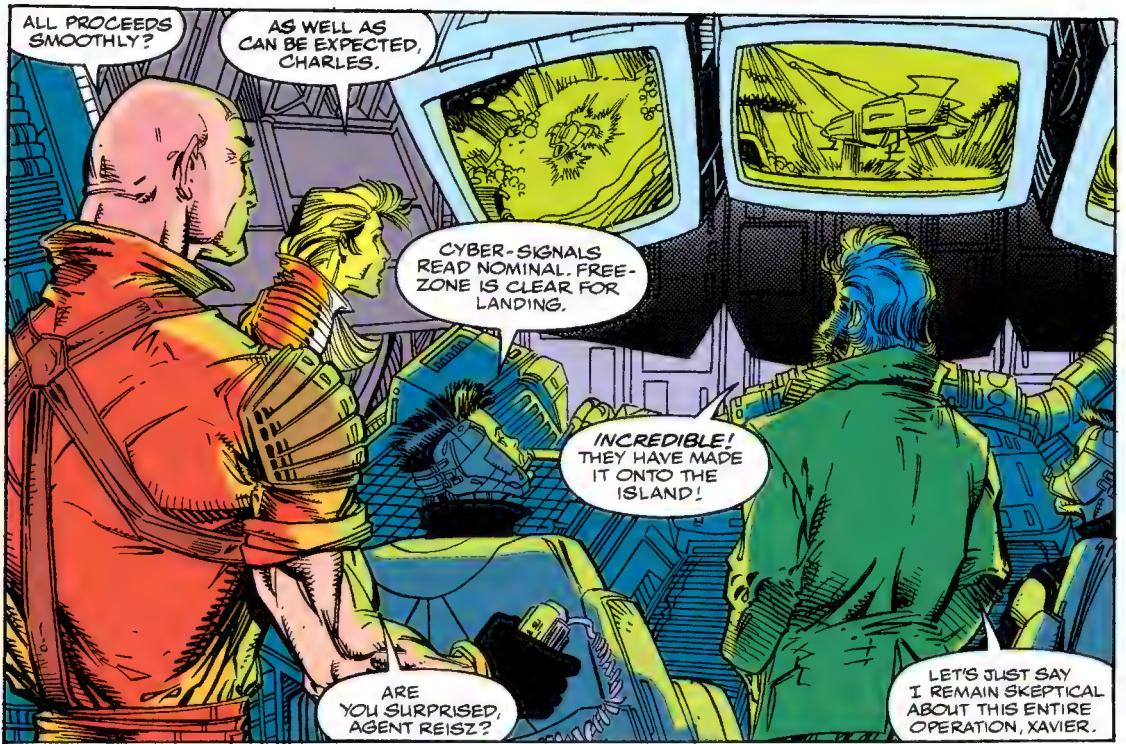
--HOPEFULLY,  
THE SHADOW  
KING IS HAVING  
DIFFICULTIES,  
TOO.

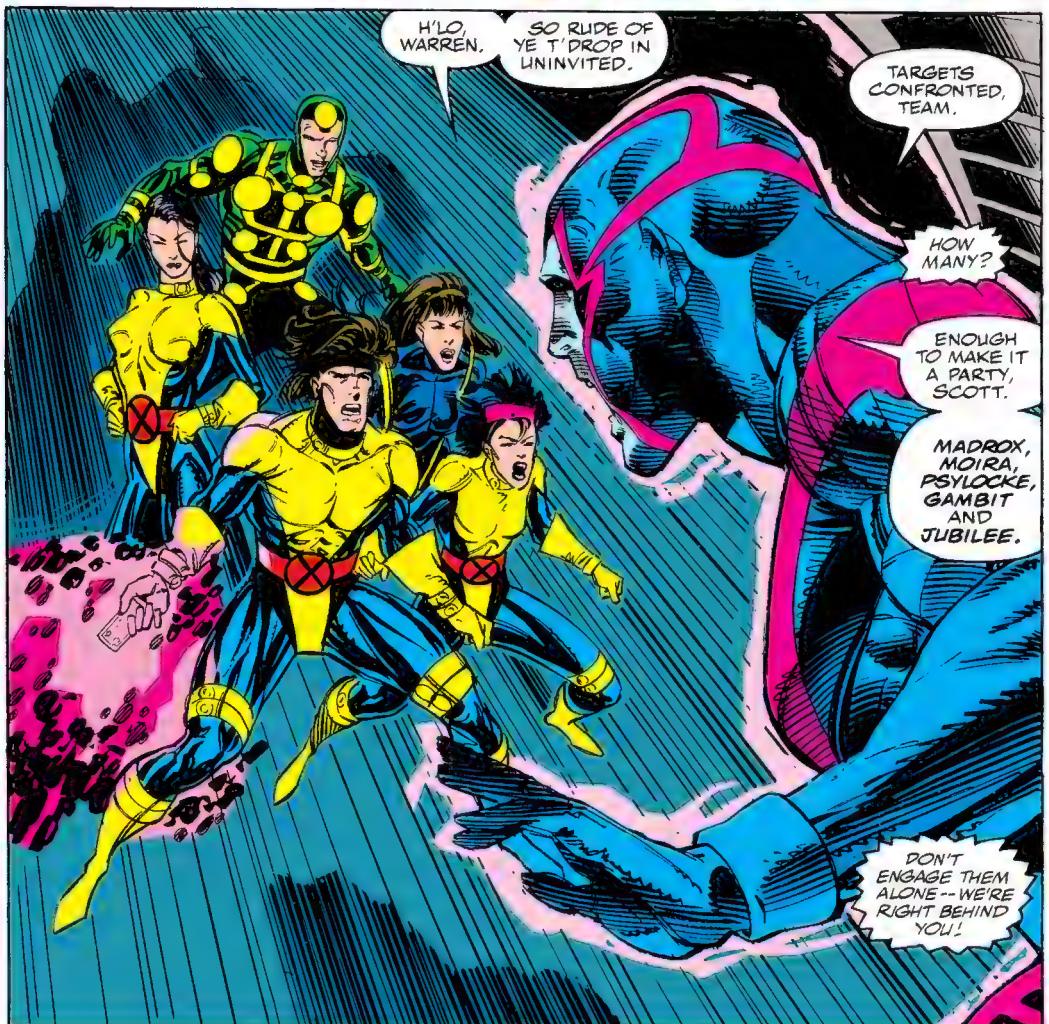
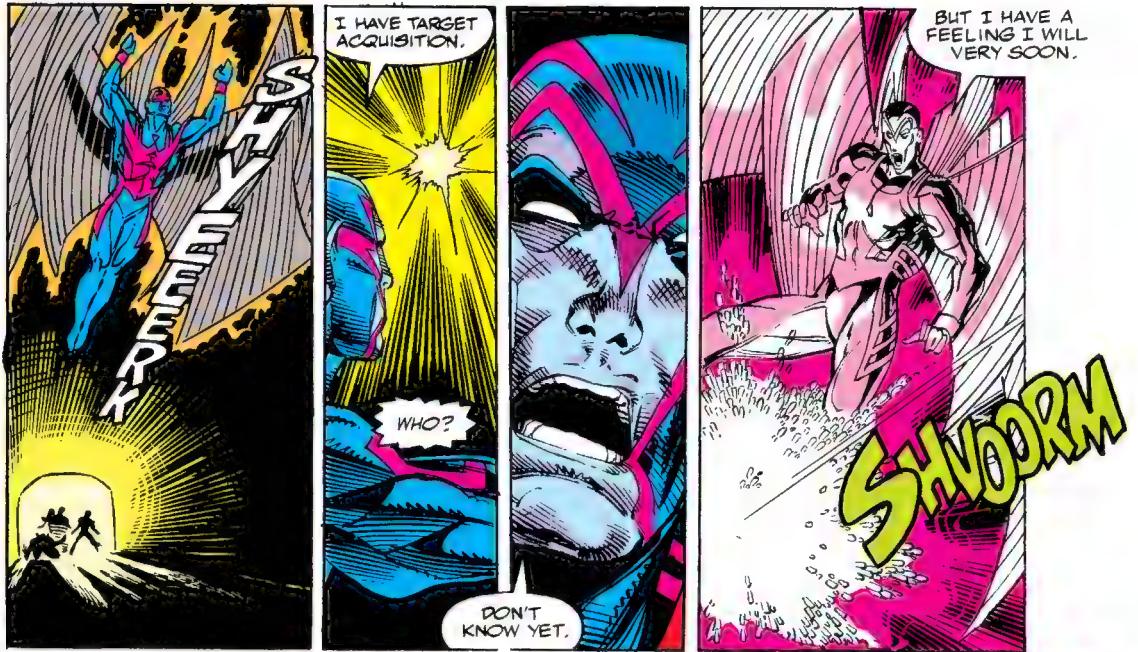


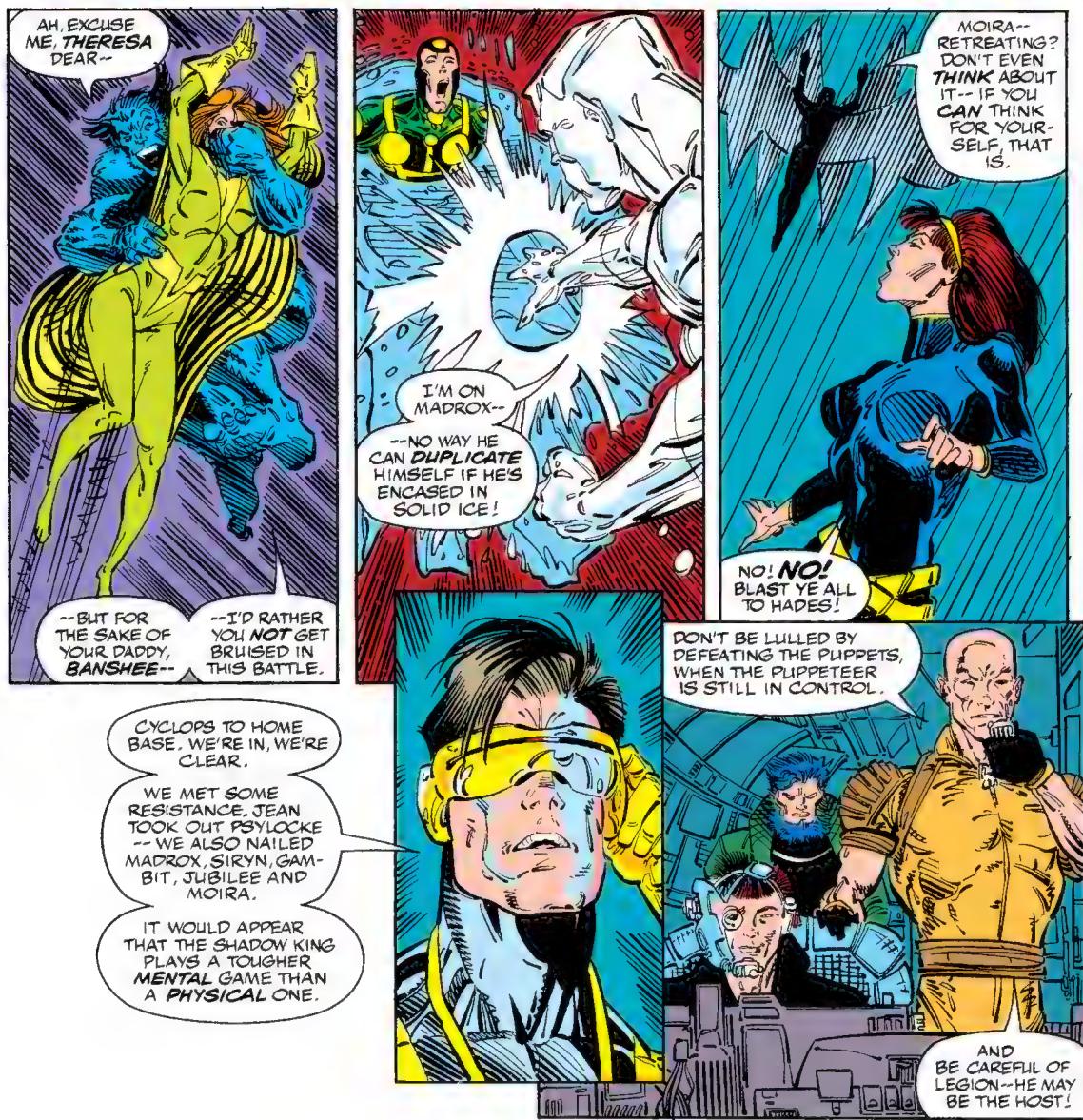
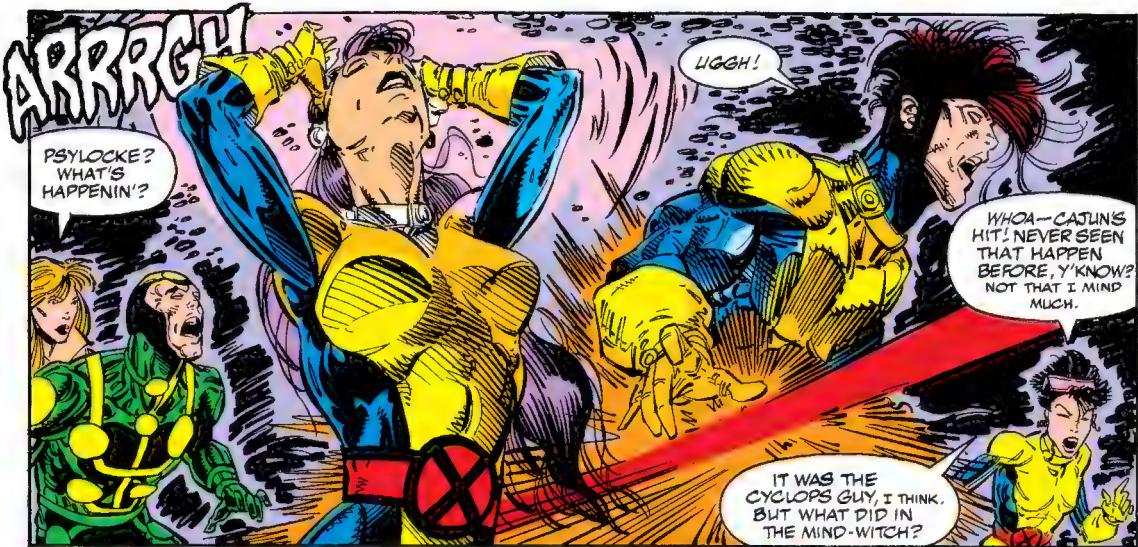












OR HE MAY NOT!!

EITHER WAY, BOYS,  
GIRLS AND GORILLAS--  
WE STILL MEAN  
TROUBLE!

JEANNIE  
LOOK OUT!

**SWOOOSH!**

PYROKINETIC  
ASSAULT--

--COULDN'T  
GET A TEKE  
SHIELD UP  
IN TIME!

I'LL SMOTHER  
THE FLAMES--!

AND I'LL  
SMOTHER  
YOUR LIFE!

THIS IS  
THE ENDGAME,  
CHARLES!

AS YOUR SON  
ENDS THE LIVES  
OF YOUR  
STUDENTS--

--SO SHALL  
I END  
YOURS!

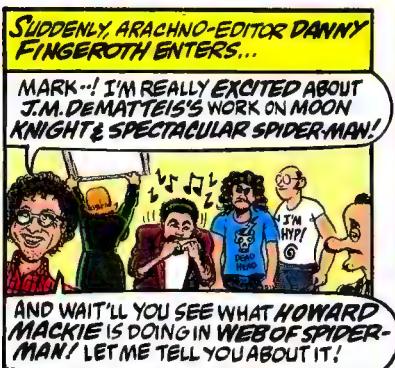
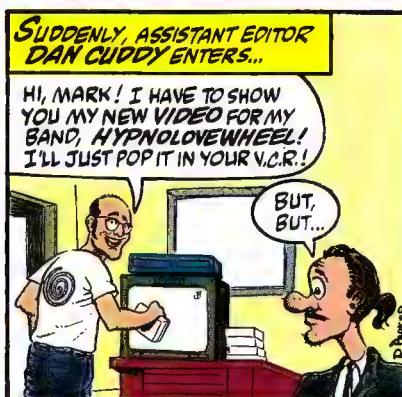
YOU FOOL!  
SHE IS MINE!  
JACOB REISZ  
HAS BEEN MY  
HUMAN HOST  
FOR MONTHS!

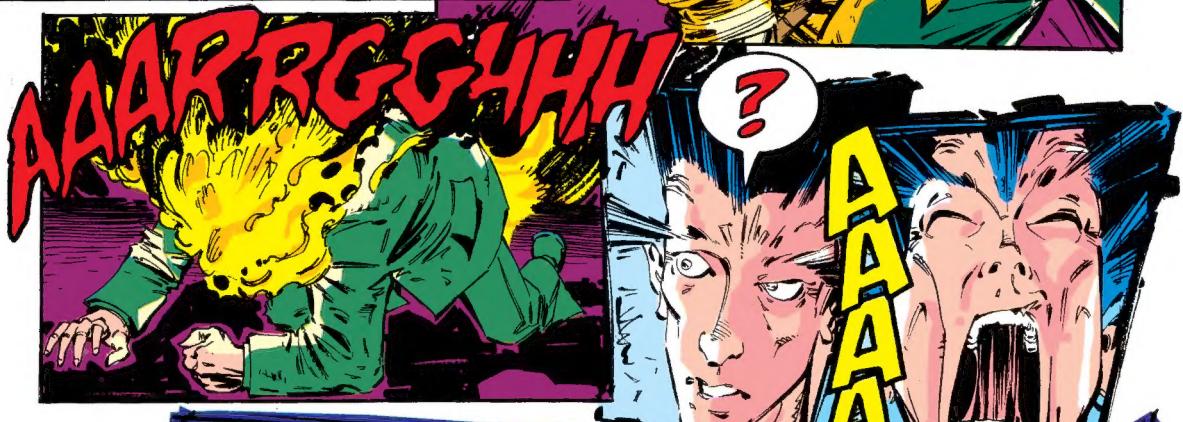
I HAVE BEEN  
STANDING  
BESIDE YOU  
ALL ALONG!

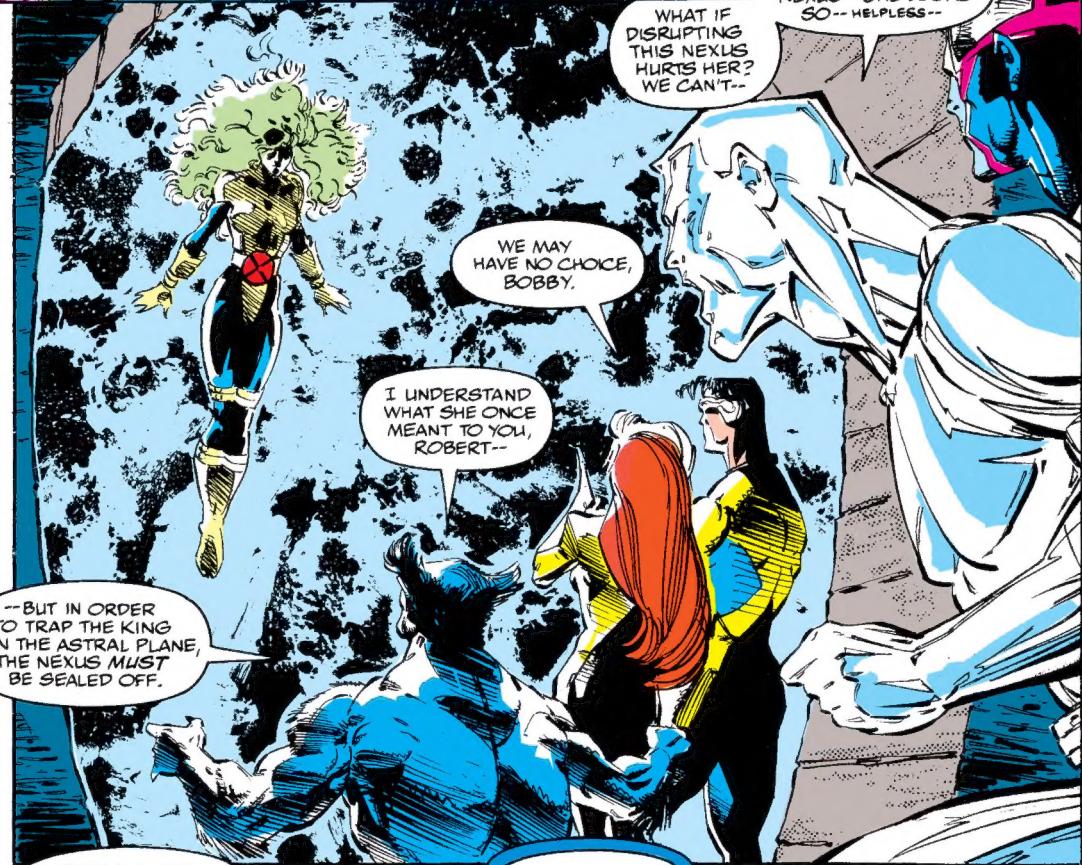
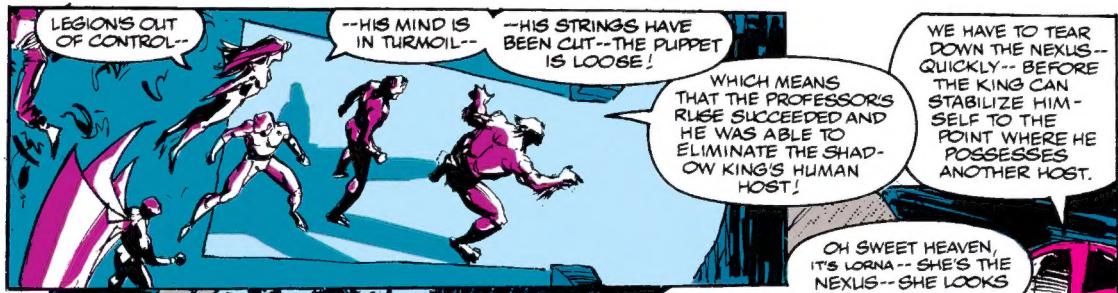
AND YOU BEG  
FOR COOPER'S  
HELP? IDIOT!  
THE WOMAN  
IS MINE!

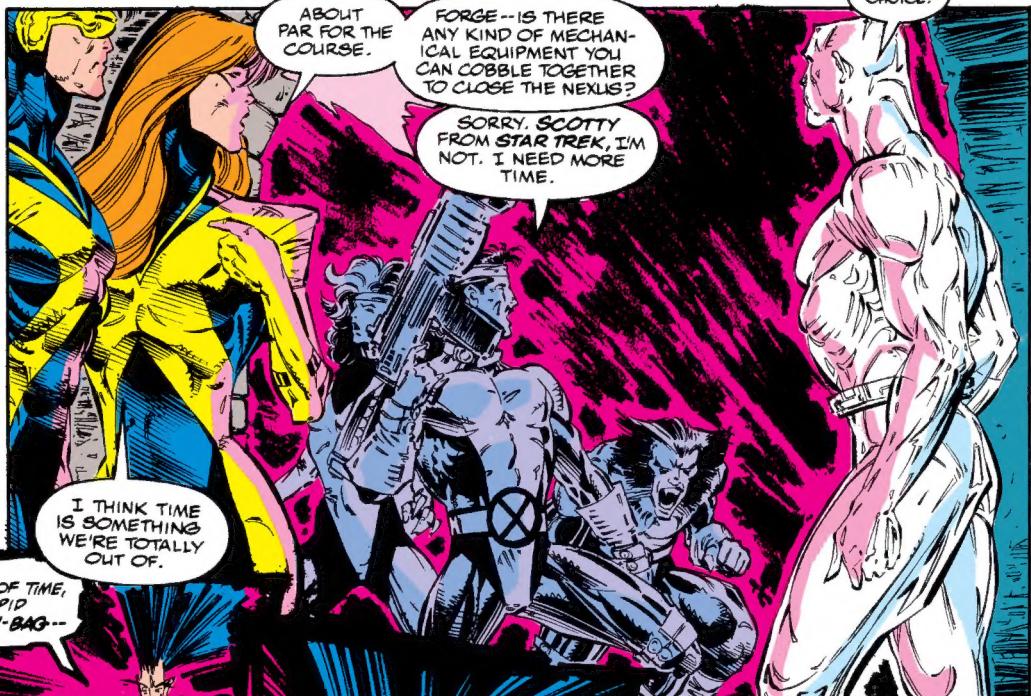
SEE HOW YOUR  
LIFE ENDS! "THE  
GREAT TELEPATH"--  
UNABLE TO KNOW THE  
DEADLY THOUGHTS  
OF THOSE AROUND  
HIM!

STAN'S SOAPBOX by Stan Lee &amp; John Ramita









AND FINALLY, SO ARE YOU!!

TO BE CONCLUDED IN  
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AND NEXT ISSUE: A SPECIAL EPILOGUE INTRODUCING NEW WRITER  
PETER DAVID, AND FEATURING MORE SURPRISES THAN YOU COULD  
BELIEVE POSSIBLE FOR A BUCK (AS IF THIS PAGE WEREN'T ENOUGH)!